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DISPERSING AGENTS FOR PIGMENTS OR EXTENDERS BASED ON

ACRYLIC ACID ALKYL ESTER POLYMERS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed on <u>September 21, 2005</u>. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from December 21, 2005 to January 21, 2006.